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Re: Application Serial No. 09/769,405

Applicant: Arthur W. Lauder

Title: Rod Coupling Art unit: Not Yet Known Examiner: Not Yet Known Filed: January 26, 2001

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, and in recognition of the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby submits an information disclosure statement including a listing of patents and other information of which Applicant is aware and a copy of each listed item.

Applicant submits that the patents and other information listed do not materially affect the patentability of the invention. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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